THIS IS MY ROUGH DRAFT

Topic: Medical Marijuana

CLAIM: The United States should not legalize medical marijuana because

REASONS

* marijuana is addictive,
* benefits of marijuana have not been fully researched
* legalization will cause increased use of the drug

EVIDENCE

* Many studies have shown no benefit and many side-effects from medicinal marijuana (Tanner, 2016).
* Marijuana hasn’t been properly researched because it is an illegal drug (Hirst, 2016)
* Increase in cancer by using it because of the delivery system (Hirst, 2016)

SOURCES:

Tanner, Lindsey. "Study: Scant Evidence That Medical Pot Helps Many Illnesses." *Rockford Register Star*. 23 Jun. 2015: n.p. *SIRS Issues Researcher.* Web. 22 Feb. 2016.

Hirst, Ellen Jean. "Benefits of Licensed Pot Are Up in the Air." *Chicago Tribune*. 28 Oct. 2013: 1. *SIRS Issues Researcher.* Web. 22 Feb. 2016.

Which is the best claim:

Medical marijuana is bad

I think that medical marijuana should not be used

The United States should not legalize medical marijuana

That medical marijuana should not be legal

Against medical marijuana